

GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES

A study of Wayne County's economy would not be complete without an analysis of the major governmental activities and the impact they have on its economy. The County and various municipal governments are considered to be nonbasic or service types industries since they do not export any product or service. The funds which make them possible come from the basic type of industries located in the county. On the other hand, there are two governmental activities which are considered to be nonmanufacturing, basic industries. One, Seymour-Johnson Air Force Base, is operated by the federal government and the other is Cherry Hospital and O'Berry Center, operated by the State government.

It is difficult to measure the impact of Seymour-Johnson Air force Base because of its complexity, but a few statistics obtained recently from the Information Services Officer of Seymour-Johnson will shed some light on the matter. There were, as of October 1967, 5,828 military personnel stationed at the base, of which 5,044 are enlisted men and 784 are officers. The 5,828 personnel have an estimated 10,000 dependents. Approximately 1,800 of these men live off base, with an estimated 5,000 dependents. This is the main reason that the housing situation in the County is tight at the present time. In addition to the military personnel, the base provides employment for 645 civilians who all live off of the base.

Seymour-Johnson had a payroll of \$29,365,113 for the 1966-1967 fiscal year. This included \$3,999,686 for the 645 civilians and \$25,365,427 for the military personnel. Thus, it is easy to see that Seymour-Johnson Air Force Base does have a great impact on the economy of Wayne County. These payroll dollars also account for a large portion of the retail sales in Wayne County. The demand for food, apparel, furniture, automotive services and other goods and services